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INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINT EG US

SUBJECT: KHARTOUM EIGHT

REF: CAIRO 5280

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH UNDER SECRETARY
FOREIGN MINISTRY RIAD JULY 18, AMBASSADOR RAISED
QUESTION OF KHARTOUM EIGHT, STRONGLY URGING THAT THEY
BE KEPT UNDER DETENTION IN EGYPT AND EMPHASIZING
SEVERELY ADVERSE EFFECT ON CONGRESS AND US PUBLIC

OPINION IF GOE PERMITTED THEM TO DEPART TO RESUME
THEIR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE.

2. RIAD RESPONDED THAT ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE
HE HAD ALREADY TOLD PLO THAT THEY SHOULD NOT PRESS
GOE FOR RELEASE OF THESE TERRORISTS. RIAD WENT ON
THAT HE HAD TOLD PLO THAT IF THEY HAD ANY HOPES FOR
DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH USG (AND HERE HE REFERRED
TO RECENT SPATE OF PRESS REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT,
PRESUMABLY INCLUDING STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING
ON JULY 12 IN STATE 151165), PLO WOULD BE WELL
ADVISED TO CONSIDER HOW TO PREPARE THE ATMOSPHERE
FOR SUCH TALKS. PRESSING EGYPTIANS TO RELEASE
KHARTOUM EIGHT WOULD BE DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO PLO
INTERESTS IN THIS REGARD.

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3. IMPLICATIONS OF RIAD'S REMARKS WAS THAT GOE WOULD REFUSE ANY PLO REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF BSO TERRORISTS. HE IS FULLY AWARE OF SEVERELY HARMFUL EFFECT ON US-

EGYPTIANRELATIONS IF TERRORISTS WERE RELEASED (AS ARE FAHMY AND SADAT). HE SAID IN ANY CASE HE BELIEVED PLO WAS BASICALLY SATISFIED WITH EGYPTIAN TREATMENT OF BSO KILLERS.

RIAD DID NOT SAY WHERE THEY ARE BEING HELD, BUT TENOR OF HIS REMARKS INDICATED THAT INFORMATION IN REFTEL IS CORRECT.
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